

Complaint POLLUTION- QUINCY RIVERFRONT

Date - Time Reported 8-18-89

Code: A-Arrested D-Person Discovering Crime O-Offender V-Victim W-Witness X-Other

Name - Last-First-Mi Address Race Sex Date of Birth

W LNU "Gerry" sp

unk

F

Sex

Date of Birth

W Deters Charles 5513 Darlow Jacksonville, Fla.

M

Narrative: On 9-11-89, GLENN SANDERS received a recorded message on the answer machine at his residence. The message was from the unidentified female subject who had provided info in this case as outlined on page eight of this report. The subject left her phone number of (217) 222-6373, and stated to ask for "Gerry" sp. The caller stated that she had additional information, and was calling back as agreed in the previous conversation.

Upon reviewing the message, SANDERS contacted the subject on 9-12-89 at 8:30pm. The female subject "GERRY" stated that she had been able to find the following additional information:

The barrels in the river were stored below the Quincy Bayview Bridge, during the bridge construction. On October 21st 1986, the barrels were washed into the river by the fall flood. The river crested at 25.3 ft (Quincy Filter Plant reading) on October 24th 1986. There were six barrels which washed into the river, as well as some construction equipment. Two of the barrels contained hazardous materials. Those two barrels contained Trichloroethene number three, and Methylethylketone. The balance of the barrels contained Pinceal-50 and Metacort, which are primer and adhesive respectively. The manufacturer of the chemicals was possibly an EMTING CO. from New Jersey. The supplier of the chemicals was Bob Fisher Supply Company (314-436-1511. McCartney Bros. Construction was the contractor for the bridge.

When Sanders inquired as to the source of the information, Gerry asked if that was important, when advised that it was important, Gerry said that she would have to talk to the source and see if he was willing to be identified. Gerry agreed to call back with the information.

On 9-12-89 at 11:35pm, Gerry called Sanders back and said that the source was willing to come forward. Gerry said that the source was her son CHARLES DETERS. She provided a telephone number (904-743-4503) and address (5513 Darlow, Jacksonville, Fla. 32211) for DETERS. Charles Deters was the purchasing agent for McCartney Bros. Construction on the Bayview Bridge project. He had since been employed by McCartney on a project in Fla. Due to completion of the project, he has recently been released by McCartney and is unemployed. Deters is willing to testify in this case but requests immunity from prosecution.

The following names were also provided as possible sources of information in this case.

LOU HASSIS- Project engineer for the Illinois Dept. of Transportation (This subj. was previously contacted by Sanders for information, and originally provided Charles Deters name, but efforts to contact, resulted in dead ends.

JERRY PARSON- I DO NOT SUPPLY

END TUNGATE- from St. Louis.

Nick

McCartney's

EPA Region 6 Records Ctr.



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→ STUART HERSH

CALL CHARLES DETERS →

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Other Agencies Contacted-Referred

Date Contacted

Person Contacted

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9-13-89

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Complaint <b>POLLUTION</b>		Date Occurred: <b>UNKNOWN</b> Time : <b>M</b>							
		Date Reported: <b>08-16-89</b> Time <b>8:30am</b>							
Location of Occurrence <b>MISSISSIPPI RIVER Pool 21, Adams County Quincy Riverfront</b>									
River mile <b>326 to river mile 327</b>									
Complainant (Last-First-Mi)		Address							
<b>Wheeler Clarence Bryon</b>		<b>RR 2 Box 286 New London, Mo. 314-754-5791</b>							
Victim/Offender (Last-First-Mi)		Address							
<b>unknown</b>									
Race	Sex	Date of Birth	Weight	Height	Hair	Eyes	Build	Complexion	Tattoos-Scars-Marks
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Name - Last-First-Mi		Address		Race	Sex	Date of Birth			
<b>V Grue Jim G</b>		<b>8 Riverside Terrance Quincy</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>11-29-69</b>			
<b>V Grue John S</b>		<b>505 W. Jefferson Camp Point Il</b>		<b>W</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>10-10-59</b>			
Vehicle Year		Make	Color	Vin/Serial Number		License No. (Year-State)			Towed Yes No
<p>narrative: On <del>8-16</del> <b>8-16</b>-89, reporting officer (R/O) <b>GLENN SANDERS</b> received a telephone call at his residence. The caller did not identify himself. The caller asked if this was Officer Sanders, when I replied yes, the caller stated "When you look for who dumped the barrels in the river, check out Frese" the caller then hung up. The time of the call was 8:30am.</p> <p>Upon going "on the air" <b>SANDERS</b> found out through a news report that some mussel divers had been reportedly been burned by some barrels of chemicals on the Quincy riverfront.</p> <p>The initial report had been received by Mo. Dept. of Conservation personnel from <b>BRYON WHEELER</b> of New London, Mo. They in turn forwarded the information to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Officer <b>ED MOON</b> of the Quincy Police Dept. was assigned to make a preliminary investigation. The following is a summary of information that was obtained by <b>MOON</b> and <b>SANDERS</b> in the investigation.</p> <p>There were aprox. 20 different crews working the mussel beds along Quincy in the period July 23-Aug 13, 1989. Crews were observed by <b>SANDERS</b> from Tennessee, Kentucky, Oregon, Louisiana Mo., Beardstown Il. Alton Il. East Moline Il., Moline Ill. Hannibal Mo., and the immediate Quincy area. Crews averaged two members in size, one diver and one helper. The mussel bed is located in an average depth of 35 feet, between river mile 326 and river mile 327.</p> <p>Byron <b>WHEELER</b> who made the initial report through Mo. DOC. stated that he had been diving for shells in the area near the Moorman Company Dock on 08-13-89. At aprox. 1:00pm he came in contact with three 55 gal drums on the bottom of the river in aprox. 38 feet of water. <b>WHEELER</b> did not notice any initial problem from the contact, until he returned to the surface. At this time he began to feel a "burning" sensation on his neck and arms. <b>WHEELER</b></p>									
Evidence Seized		Type & Identifying Numbers							
Yes No									
Location Where Evidence is Stored (Address)									
Reporting Officer(s)		Date Signed		Dist.-Region		Reviewing Supervisor		Date Reviewed	
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Narrative: stated that all of the mussel shells within 8-10 feet of the barrels are dead. No live shells were found near the barrels. WHEELER stated that the three barrels are located out from the yellow tie-off at the bean dock. WHEELER stated that his helper observed an "oil slick" come to the surface when WHEELER came in contact with the barrels. There were a total of seven barrels that Wheeler came in contact with on 08-13-89.

JIM GRUE who was also diving in the same general area, reported that he came in contact with six barrels. GRUE also was injured.

JOHN GRUE reported that he had come in contact with barrels in the area between the South Side Boat Club and the North Side Boat Club. JOHN GRUE reported that he had contact with five barrels and was also injured.

Divers that had been diving in the area, but did not have contact with the barrels, did not report any injuries.

On 08-18-89, SANDERS received a telephone call from BRUCE WILLIAMS of East Moline, Ill. WILLIAMS stated that he had been sick ever since diving in the Quincy area two weeks ago. WILLIAMS stated that his diving partner had also been sick. WILLIAMS stated that he had respiratory problems, cramps and was stiff and sore. (Williams telephone number 309-755-0545).

Another diver whose identity has not been learned in the Louisiana, Mo. area, was also reportedly burned by the barrels.

INJURY SUMMARY: 1. Bryon Wheeler- burns to neck and right arm  
2. Jim Grue- burns and rash both ankles and right foot  
3. John Grue- burns on both feet  
4. Bruce Williams- respiratory problems cramps and stiffness  
5.  
6.

On 8-17-89, a planning meeting was held at the Quincy Central Fire Dept. The meeting was attended by the Quincy Fire Dept, Quincy Police Dept, ESDA, Quincy Water Dept. Adams Co. Health Dept. and Ill. Dept. of Conservation. At this meeting it was decided that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would be the lead agency in this investigation. The Ill. E.P.A. had previously declined to respond, citing a lack of experience in this type of environmental problem. Concern was expressed about the number of commercial fishermen in the area who are fishing nets and traps in the area of the barrels, and potential exposure risks to the public from consumption of the fish. USEPA was to respond to the area by 08-22-89.

SANDERS checked the reported area on 08-20-89 with sonar in an effort to determine how many barrels are down, and how large an area is covered by the barrels.

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2					

Narrative: On 8-21-89 CPO Glenn Sanders conducted a preliminary sonar scan of the area where the divers were reportedly burned by the chemicals. The area checked was on the Mississippi River at Quincy, and extended from the North Side Boat Club, downstream to the South Side Boat Club. A total of six sonar passes was made with the Lowrance X-16 Sonar Unit. The check showed that at least 12 possible locations were noted where barrel size targets were present. This was not a complete sonar scan of the area, rather it was only a check to determine if potential targets were present. The target locations were platted on a navigation chart for followup.

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Narrative:

On 8-21-89, SANDERS contacted MIKE CONLIN, Chief of the Fisheries Division, Ill. Dept. of Conservation. Conlin was advised of the situation and a ban on commercial fishing/musseling in the suspect area was discussed. SANDERS assisted BOB DUNN, District Fisheries Biologist obtain fish samples from the area on 8-21-89.

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Glenn Sanders #215 9 IV

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